COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

(OFFICIAL REPORT)

Monday, the 16th of Karkadagam 1102.

1st of August 1927.

The Council assembled at 11-30 a. m. in the Town Hall, Ernakulam, to continue its deliberations. The Diwan presided. The following members were absent:—Messrs. Lonappan Chakkola, C. N. Ittiravi Nambudiri, K. Krishna Menon, Poulo Mampilli, K. T. Mathew, P. Munda Vaidyan, J. T. Murray, S. F. Nunez, N. Padmanabha Menon and Srimati T. Madhavi Amma.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

The teak plantation in Chattikulam.

98. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether the teak plantation in Chattikulam or so was destroyed by fire; if so, what is the extent of the damages on account of the fire and the number of trees destroyed ;

(b) what was the amount spent for fire tracing for the plantation this year ;

(c) who were the officers who were in charge of the plantation ;

(d) whether the Government has taken any action, and, if so, what is the final action on the matter ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(a) None of the plantations was destroyed by fire. But there was a ground fire on an area of about 2½ acres of the 1097 plantation, and it was put out by the plantation staff. There was no damage to the plantations.

(b) Rs. 72—9—1 including fire patrols for 4 months.

(c) The plantation forest guard, watchers and Ranger in charge of plantations.

(d) Due enquiries were made, and no action was found necessary.

The quantity of timber cut and removed by the Vicar of Perambara.

99. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the amount of timber allowed to be cut and removed by the Vicar of Perambara ;

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(b) what was the actual quantity appropriated by him ;

(c) who was in charge of this range at this time ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(a) 12 wind fallen and standing dry jungle-wood trees.

(b) 11 trees of 14 logs which yielded 26-1-19-15 candies were cut and removed after payment of seigniorage and obtaining proper passes.

(c) The Junior Divisional Forest Officer, Mr. T. Narayana Menon, during the former part of the currency of this sale and acting Divisional Forest Officer, Mr. J. H. Williams, during the latter part.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was any timber removed illicitly by the Vicar ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—No.

The Range Officer, Mr. Williams.

100. Mr. T.A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) why was Mr. Williams, the Palappalli Range Officer, transferred ;

(b) who was appointed Divisional Officer when Mr. T. Narayana Menon took leave recently ;

(c) was the new incumbent senior to Mr. Williams ;

(d) has Mr. Williams acted as Divisional Officer ; if so, when and the period ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(a) In the interests of service.

(b) Second Grade Ranger, Mr. C. Govinda Menon, in charge of the plantations.

(c) No.

(d) Yes, on four occasions.

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Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Why was not Mr. Williams appointed, Sir ?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—His conduct was found unsatisfactory.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What was the nature of his unsatisfactory conduct ? It is stated here that he has acted four times.

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—May I answer, Sir ?

President.—Why do you ask my permission to answer ? If you have any objection in furnishing the answer, you must object to answer on proper grounds, namely that the supple-

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